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September 18, 2006

TO: Director, Fish and Wildlife Service

Director, National Park Service Director, Geological Survey

From: Team Leader, Natural Resources Management

Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance

Subject: Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment (EA) for the **Alternatives**

Hydro Power Project; FERC No. 12608-000, Worcester County, Massachusetts

(ER 06/919) (Agency due date: October 16, 2006)

PLEASE EXPEDITE

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has published the notice concerning the availability of the subject EA, which was issued on September 15, 2006. A copy of the EA is attached to the notice. The EA may be viewed on the Commission's website at: http://www.ferc.gov using the "eLibrary" link.

Would you please have your appropriate field-level office review the assessment from its particular jurisdiction or special expertise and provide its comments directly to FERC by **October 16, 2006.** The related reviews are under ERs: 05/743 and 05/930.

Please provide a copy of any comments made to this Office.

/s/9/18/06 Vijai N. Rai

cc: Assistant Secretaries

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